

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Level 3 Communications, LLC

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File No.: EB-12-IH-0087

Acct. No.: 201332080014

FRN: 0017585993

ORDER

Adopted: March 12, 2013**Released: March 12, 2013**

By the Chief, Enforcement Bureau:

1. In this Order, we adopt a Consent Decree entered into between the Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) and Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3). The Consent Decree resolves and terminates the Bureau's investigation into possible violations of Sections 201(b) and 202(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,¹ with respect to Level 3's call completion practices to rural areas, including its use and monitoring of intermediate providers.

2. A copy of the Consent Decree negotiated by the Bureau and Level 3 is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. After evaluating the facts before us and reviewing the terms of the Consent Decree, we find that the public interest would be served by adopting the Consent Decree and terminating the investigation.

4. In the absence of material new evidence relating to this matter, we conclude that our investigation raises no substantial or material questions of fact as to whether Level 3 possesses the basic qualifications, including those related to character, to hold or obtain any Commission license or authorization.

5. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Sections 4(i) and 503(b) of the Act² and Sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules,³ the Consent Decree attached to this Order **IS ADOPTED**.

6. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the above-captioned investigation **IS TERMINATED**.

¹ 47 U.S.C. §§ 201(b), 202(a).

² 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 503(b).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311.

7. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Order and Consent Decree shall be sent by first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Michael Mooney, General Counsel, Regulatory Policy, Level 3 Communications, LLC, 1025 Eldorado Blvd, Broomfield, CO 80021.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

P. Michele Ellison
Chief
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